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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY OR VETERAN STATUS ON STATE-
ISSUED FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) Any new form or
2 publication issued by a state agency, department or office, for
3 distribution to the public and returnable to a state agency, department
4 or office, shall include a question asking whether the recipient of the
5 form or publication is a member of the armed forces or a veteran who
6 would like to receive information regarding veterans' benefits.

7 (b) A state agency, department or office that receives a form or
8 publication indicating that the sender is a member of the armed forces
9 or a veteran who would like to receive information regarding veterans'
10 benefits shall forward the name and mailing address of the sender, if
11 such name and mailing address can be determined, to the Department
12 of Veterans' Affairs.

13 (c) Upon receipt of the name and mailing address of any individual
14 requesting information regarding veterans' benefits from a state
15 agency, department or office, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall

16 add the individual to the contact list provided for in subsection (b) of
17 section 27-100c of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

18 Sec. 2. Section 27-100c of the general statutes is repealed and the
19 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

20 (a) As used in this section, (1) "department" means the Department
21 of Veterans' Affairs, (2) "service member" means a member of the
22 armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, including
23 the Connecticut National Guard, (3) "veteran" has the same meaning as
24 provided in subsection (a) of section 27-103, and (4) "committee" means
25 the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
26 matters relating to veterans' and military affairs.

27 (b) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall develop and maintain
28 a service members' and veterans' contact list, consisting of only the
29 names and mailing addresses of service members and veterans who
30 reside in this state, using information in the department's records and
31 information submitted to the department by (1) the Military
32 Department, as provided in subsection (c) of this section, (2) the
33 assessor of each town, as provided in subsection (d) of this section,
34 [and] (3) service members or veterans, as provided in subsection (e) of
35 this section, and (4) a state agency, department or office that received a
36 request from a member of the armed forces or veteran for information
37 regarding veterans' benefits and forwarded the name and the mailing
38 address of the requester to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

39 (c) On or before September 1, 2005, the Military Department shall
40 submit to the Department of Veterans' Affairs a list of the name and
41 mailing address, but no other information, of each service member
42 who is a resident of this state that is in the records of the Military
43 Department.

44 (d) On or before the sixtieth day following the date on which an
45 exemption pursuant to subdivision (19) of section 12-81 takes effect, as
46 provided in section 12-95, the assessor of each town that granted any

47 such exemption shall submit to the Department of Veterans' Affairs a
 48 list of the name and mailing address, but no other information, of each
 49 individual who has such exemption.

50 (e) A service member or veteran who is a resident of this state may
 51 add his or her name and mailing address to the contact list by
 52 submitting such information to the Department of Veterans' Affairs in
 53 person or by mail. A service member shall include a copy of his or her
 54 military identification card and a veteran shall include a copy of his or
 55 her military discharge document, as defined in section 1-219.

56 (f) Any individual who is included in the contact list may cause his
 57 or her name to be removed from the contact list by notifying the
 58 Department of Veterans' Affairs in writing.

59 (g) (1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs or the Military
 60 Department may use the contact list solely for the purposes of
 61 notifying service members or veterans of benefits, proposed or enacted
 62 legislation that affects service members or veterans or their families, or
 63 other information that the Department of Veterans' Affairs or the
 64 Military Department believes will be helpful to service members or
 65 veterans or their families. The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall
 66 provide a copy of the contact list to the Military Department, upon
 67 receipt of a written request signed by the Adjutant General.

68 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-
 69 210, the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Military Department
 70 shall not disclose any information in the contact list to any person
 71 other than as provided in this subsection. No person shall use the
 72 contact list for any purpose other than as provided in subdivision (1)
 73 of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section

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Sec. 2	October 1, 2010	27-100c
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Statement of Purpose:

To require state agencies, departments and offices to include a question on any new forms or publications sent to the public asking if the recipient is a member of the armed forces or a veteran who would like information regarding veterans' benefits. A state agency, department or office that received a form or publication indicating that the sender is a member of the armed forces or a veteran who would like information regarding veterans' benefits would forward the individual's contact information to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to be added to the department's contact list.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]